

Appl. No. 09/867,868
Amdt. dated October 13, 2003
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The claims are amended to correct some typographical errors. As such, the claim scope is neither broadened nor narrowed. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

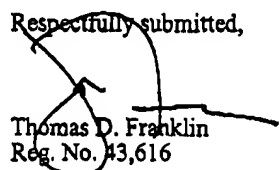
Claims 4, 10-16 and 18-24 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-24 are present for examination. No new matter is added by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,


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